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Tax Reform May 'Full' Solution On Korea Peace Talks Reached

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent
Dr. Perez Naphthali, Minister without Portfolio, told the Knesset yesterday that the Government should consider income tax reforms in the light of changes in values arising from the Government's New Economic Programme. He added, however, that the reforms should not provide exemptions to cover the entire increase in nominal wages. He pointed out that on the expenditure side of the budget, the Treasury would have to pay the full increased, and this must be reflected in the revenue side.

Dr. Naphthali was the principal Government speaker in the second day of the debate on the economic programme. The debate will be concluded this morning. Mr. Yosef Saphir (General Zionist) announced last night that his party would introduce a motion of non-confidence this morning. A Herut spokesman disclosed privately that his party would also vote against the Government. Mapam and the Communists had introduced non-confidence motions on Monday. It was not clear last night whether all four parties would vote on a joint motion as the Leftists, who throughout the debate claimed that the new measures were a concession to the Right, were patently embarrassed by the General Zionist action. Even if all four parties band together, however, there is no chance that the Government will be unseated.

At the Paris session of the General Assembly there were plans and counter-plans for the control and ultimate prohibition of the atomic weapon, which may have deceived some of us into the illusion that the great powers of East and West were frightened of the monstrous weapons that had come into their hands. The Soviet proposals, which later conceded the Western argument that control measures should be actually functioning before making a start with abolition, were soundly taken; and such agreement as came about between the two sides was wafer-thin. The problem was sent to the Disarmament Commission, which is better than nothing; and a report — Mr. Vaynshteyn hopes to make it a draft convention — is expected in June. It will cover more than the atom bomb, of course, as it should; for the West cannot be expected to listen attentively to recommendations that would dissolve its atomic preponderance and leave the Asians with their land army preponderance.

No one really expects either Russia's preponderance or America's to be affected in the slightest by the deliberations of the Disarmament Commission. The prospect remains — more atom bombs, including Britain's and bigger land armies, including China's, no doubt. The consequence may not be war. It may only be hunger, disaffection, drabness, political crisis — in Europe at any rate; and a weight of anxiety upon our hearts; for no one can say convincingly that there will be no war and that the atom bomb will never be used. That fear will be with us year after year. It is a fear that is felt: not much thought about. Very few persons nowadays have the time or the daring to stop and think. That is why the delegations at U.N. were able to talk their foolish heads off about atom bombs and disarmament, spouting for our benefit the customary driver of the propagandist, the deceiver, the vainglorious, without our bothering to protest or even trying to make sense of it.

Recalling her trip through the Arab countries, Mrs. Roosevelt said that the refugees there have "apparently been needed by professional leaders and some Communist elements." She said the children in the camps and other groups had "been trained to shout, 'We want to go home.' But it made no impression on me since it was obvious that with different training they would change their minds."

During her Israel visit, Mrs. Roosevelt said, "I am not afraid to be alone at home because the early American pioneers must have had a similar faith in themselves and in the future of their country." And not only is this an exciting and invigorating country to be in, but it is also most beautiful," Mrs. Roosevelt declared. "Our purpose is to help the people and vicinity that the pressing problems are somehow being solved."

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Roosevelt had toured Haifa and the Western Emek. She saw the Orna Nursery at Ness Shanann, the Kaiser-Frazer assembly plant and the Shaar Aliya Reception Camp. A special reception in her honour was given at Nahalal, where she visited the WIZO girls' farm school. She was received by Mrs. Rose Ginosar, Chairman of the WIZO Executive, and presented with a Yemenite gift.

In the evening, Mrs. Roosevelt was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gurion at the King David Hotel. Mr. Ben Gurion spoke of her as one of the most distinguished women of our times — a friend of all oppressed peoples and devoted friend of all good causes. In reply, Mrs. Roosevelt quoted what Mr. Ben Gurion told her about the amalgamation into one nation of persons of all races who came here and said that if this could be done, certainly all nations can learn to live together.

She had found the various experiments in bridging the gap of years, the remarkable health work and care for children here very exciting, but most exciting of all had been the spirit she had found among the leaders of massif devotion to an idea and an ideal which she said, must have existed in the early days of Argentina.

According to the present arrangement, the allowance is revised once every three months if the index rises more than three points. The index for January rose by six points and with the Finance Minister the possibility of increasing and of out-of-living allowances from March onwards.

C.E.L. AGREEMENT
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Histadrut's Trade Union Department received here today to negotiate with the Manufacturers' Association to reduce the interval between changes in cost-of-living allowances.

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'Full' Solution On Korea Peace Talks Reached

PANMUNJOM, Tuesday (UPI). — The U.N. and Communist truce delegations reached a "full" solution on the fifth and final item of the Korean armistice agenda, it was announced today.

Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy, chief U.N. delegate, accepted the modified Communist proposal of February 15 calling for a high-level peace conference of governments concerned within 90 days of a truce. The conference is to discuss the withdrawal of foreign troops and the "peaceful settlement of the Korean question, etc."

The Mapam speakers yesterday were two former ministers, Morris Almog and Moshe Bechor. Mr. Zisling said that the Government programme was no plan because the Government had said have on taxation, credits, production and other economic factors.

Policy Reversal

Mr. Bontov said this was a far-reaching reversal in policy. From a policy of reducing prices, the Government was switching to one of increasing prices to expand imports. If the Government had by its own admission been wrong over the past three years, why should the public be compelled to accept this being right?" asked?

The Hapoel Hamizrachi speaker, Mr. E.M. Genichovsky, urged that the Mapam speakers had improved their arguments to the point where they were switching to unemployment and non-payments.

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The chief Communist negotiator, General Nam Il, explained the meaning of the word "wreeters" to Admiral Joy's satisfaction at today's meeting of the full delegations.

He said, "It neither binds the political conference to discuss certain political questions nor does it exclude certain political questions from the discussions."

Thus, in effect, the military armistice delegates left it up to the diplomats to limit the scope of the conference, at which the Communists are expected to push for discussions on Formosa, the Japanese peace treaty and other Asiatic trouble items.

Staff officers met soon after the plenary session adjourned to resume discussions on the five barriers still to be hurdled before an armistice is signed:

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Meanwhile, reports from the front said the Communists had intensified their anti-aircraft fire. Superforts striking at a key railway bridge near Shantou in South Korea had reportedly suffered several night fighter attacks, but claimed they were ineffective.

Some American public opinion makers, notably Mr. Henry Luce, of *Time* and *Life*, have been campaigning for Israeli concessions on the refugee question and demanding — although not in so many words — that the Administration eliminate Israel from the Foreign Aid Bill as the price of regaining Arab friendship.

Israelis assert, however, that U.S. and British policy makers are counting on using Israel's strength in the defence of the Middle East and are not considering any moves that would weaken Israel. They rejected many opportunities at the U.N. General Assembly of appealing the Arabs at Israel's expense.

They are telling the Arabs: we will guarantee your frontiers against external aggression and your ruling classes against internal rebellion. We are sending your armed forces to the Middle East command and giving up your hopes of using them against yesterday.

It is also expected that the Development Budget, which will be introduced later, will take the higher price level into account, the sources stated.

IL-130M. ORDINARY BUDGET DUE

Despite higher costs, the total sum of the Ordinary Budget which will be submitted to the Knesset at the end of this month will be between IL-130,000 and IL-140,000.

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Financial circles, predicting that business would need considerable credits with which to buy the new stocks at the higher prices, felt that industrialists might seek their credits in the black market. They referred particularly to the building trade. Today's black market dollar rate was IL-3,000 to the dollar.

An appeal to shopkeepers to maintain normal hours of service to consumers was issued by the Israel Merchants' Association in Jerusalem.

1,000 Inspectors To Take Inventory

One thousand Ministry of Commerce inspectors will take inventories of stocks in factories, wholesalers and importers warehouses today, it was learned in Jerusalem.

The Government had asked them earlier to freeze stocks.

M.E. Army Planning Board for Cyprus

POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, CYPRUS, Tuesday. — While official quarters here had no information tonight about the proposed establishment of a Middle East Military Planning Board in Cyprus, semi-official circles believed that Cyprus was now recognized and acknowledged by Western Bloc countries as "the only possible and logical centre for strategic planning."

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They are telling the Arabs: we will guarantee your frontiers against external aggression and your ruling classes against internal rebellion.

Until this policy is implemented, it is understood that no allocations will be made from the Middle East military aid to the Middle East. The Comptroller accepted this for this year, for use at the President's discretion.

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Big-3 Talks Clear Way For German Peace Pact

France Approves European Army

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuters). — The French National Assembly today endorsed the principle of a European Army and German rearmament by 327 votes to 287.

The British War Office is spending 100 million francs on the construction of a new research station in Odeberg, near Larissa, building on which will start soon. Military circles consider that, in the event of Cyprus becoming part of the Middle East defense planning, camp and airfield construction will become the joint responsibility of the European Army and German rearmament by 327 votes to 287.

Gaullists and Communists formed the bulk of the opposition.

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The issue provoked the most serious parliamentary crisis on foreign affairs since the war. At one point during the bitter week-long debate, it seemed the Socialists would join the opposition and the Government would fall on the eve of the NATO Lisbon conference.

The Socialist leader, Mr. Guy Mollet, told the Assembly today: "We are for the real European Army and not for the ploughshares of the European Defence Community (EDC)."

A successful solution is viewed as the only feasible method of settling the Suez imbroglio and setting up a Middle East Command. Talks with Egypt along these lines had progressed far enough last week for Britain to allow the Jordan Minister to Egypt, Mr. Abdul Hadi, to affix his signature to the Arab-Pact and put the British-subsidized Arab Legion at the disposal of the Arab alliance.

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Social & Personal

Rabbi Shlomo Leibowitz, M.H.L. (Agudat Israel) arrived yesterday by KLM yesterday.

Mr. S. Green, Honorary Councillor of the American Legion in Canada arrived here by KLM yesterday at about 10 a.m.

Mrs. S. S. Schiff, Chairman of World Wide by BOAC yesterday from London after a one-month stay.

Dr. Jose Garcia Granados, yesterday called on Dr. A. Granot, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund Directorate in Jerusalem. Dr. Jose Garcia Granados flew down to Eilat yesterday.

Mrs. Julian Mandelbaum, Chairman of the Montreal Friends of the American Legion in Canada arrived here yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Lila Cohen.

The following were elected unanimously in the Annual General Meeting of the Israel Institute of Architects held on January 3, 1952: Mr. Y. Shariv, Chairman of the Association; Mr. I. Calman, Deputy Chairman of the American Legion in Canada; Mr. D. G. Cooper, Vice-Chairman; Dr. P. De-Levy, S. Hader, Dr. M. Richard, W. Frentzel, I. Grinat, A. Saar, and M. Zilberman.

Mr. David Horowitz, Director General of the Ministry of Finance, will broadcast on "Economic Plans of the Government" at 8:45 this evening.

An exhibition of Argentine art under the patronage of the Ministry of Education will be opened by the Argentine Ambassador and Consul-General at the Royal Museum in Jerusalem at 8 p.m. today.

A symposium on "The Psychiatrist's Role in Legal Procedure" will be held by the Research Society for Forensic Psychiatry at 8:15 tonight at the Bar Mitzvah Hall in Haifa.

At tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, Dr. G. Mayes, Past President of the British Export Council, will speak on "Oil and Oil Marketing in Israel".

A lecture on "The Future of Town Planning" will be held by the Israel Town Planning Society at the Rashi School Hall in Haifa at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Mr. S. Saltzman of Brighton, now on a visit to Israel, would like to meet some of his old comrades of 425 and 427 Corps of the Jewish Brigade. Please contact him at 21 Rehov Herzl, Tel Aviv.

BIRTH & DEATH MILAN
DE VRIES - To Chava (nee Landau), wife of Dr. Asaf De Vries, Tel Aviv. Born February 19, 1912. Died at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 21 at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Porush Dead

In Jerusalem
Rabbi Naphtali Glickman-Porush died at the age of 81 in Jerusalem yesterday.

One of the pioneer builders of Jerusalem outside the Old City walls, he was also a founder of Agudat Israel. At the age of 29, he was appointed private secretary of the then Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rabbi Samuel Salant. His elder son, Rabbi Moishe Glickman-Porush, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem.

He is survived by sons, daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

OBITUARY

Lady Ezra
The death is reported from Calcutta of Lady Ezra, wife of Sir David Ezra and daughter of the late Lady Flora Sassoon, of London. Lady Ezra was renowned and admired for her many philanthropic activities which brought great benefit to Jews both in India and abroad. She was president of the local Jewish National Fund, Baron Haywood and WIZO organizations.

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Implications of Government's New Economic Programme

By Our Economic Correspondent

IT is strange that large sections of the public do not consider the government's new economic policy to be sufficiently drastic. Perhaps one explanation of this feeling is that the expected complete devaluation did not take place. But by and large this reaction is due to the inability of the general public to grasp how far-reaching the measures really are.

The first consequence is the steep increase in prices. Wages will adjust themselves gradually to the rise in the cost of living index which experts estimate will go up by approximately 20 points in the next two months. The aim of the new policy is obviously to force people to spend so much on the really basic necessities that very little will be left for other things.

If we accept the assumption that we have been living above our income—the individual as well as the community, as a whole—is this all to the good.

If, in fact, despite increasing prices, the government will stick to its guns and refuse to give way to demands for higher wages and increased profits, it is possible that after certain part of the upward trend of prices will come to a standstill, simply because non-essential goods will have become too expensive for people to buy. This, of course, is vitally important for the success of this anti-inflationary scheme.

If, however, the demand for higher wages in excess of the increase in the o-o allowances is conceded, the new plan will only cause run-away-inflation on an unprecedented scale.

Curtailing consumption is, however, only one part of the plan—and the least important

part. The main purpose of the policy is to increase production, and here the new measures are not at all clear. The Government proposes to approach this goal in three ways. Firstly by a new system of calculations which will take an efficient factory as the model and thus force inefficient plants out of the market, because they will be unable to compete. Secondly, public works are to be curtailed, pushing more workers into production. Thirdly, the three budgets of the state are to be balanced. All three courses are full of pitfalls.

Will the elimination of sufficient prices increase production? This would certainly be the case if there were no other factors enough to depress the market. In this country today existing down-inflated factories must be given time to recover before they can again be raised by efficient plants taking over those which have been eliminated. It is difficult to understand why certain circles continue to spread "sensational" rumours about secret meetings or talks abroad. The government should intervene in their relatives in the Israel Defense Army.

"Haboker" (General Zionist)

stresses the importance of the citrus industry, fruit and the fruit's nutritional value. The economic situation of the orange grove owners, however, is not the whole affair. Direct negotiations with the Germans will soon begin, and there is no reason to create an atmosphere of "mystery," a n-f "sensation."

"Davar" demands that those newspapers and political groups responsible for this approach adopt a more mature attitude.

"Herut" says that the Knesset must once again discuss the question of negotiations with Germany and protests strongly against German rearmament.

"Haaretz" (Independent) analyzes the Knesset speeches by Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Govrin and Dr. Sneh during the economic debate.

The pride Jews in America feel in this accomplishment, Mr. Agnon concluded, is hollow unless there is a kind of sacrifice which reflects participation and identification with the new state.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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12.2 Sets, gas, cargo.

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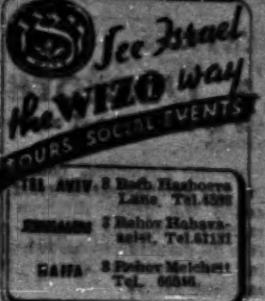
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Polin Rate Cropped Sharply in 1951

Poliomyelitis in Israel showed a marked decline in 1951. It was officially announced yesterday. Only 697 cases were recorded last year, as compared with 1,000 the year before — and this at a time when the population increased by more than 200,000.

The incidence of poliomyelitis is highest in the summer. In 1950, it reached 504 cases in May, June and July; and in the same period last year, 346. A sharp decline takes place in the winter. Though the winter decline was striking in 1950, with a total of 159 cases in October, November and December, the seasonal decline this winter was less pronounced, with 266 cases. This is a high winter figure in comparison with other countries.

There have been no special facilities for infantile paralysis here. In 1949, entire areas were quarantined and untouched by the disease. More recently, however, cases have cropped up throughout most of the Jewish community. The Health Ministry has, except for isolated cases, remained untouched.

Though no final conclusions can be drawn as to the manner of the disease's spread, there is evidence of a relation between incidence of poliomyelitis and the sanitary conditions of the individual and his environment. It was under discussion.

The suspects, who were committed for trial by Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Cohen after seven weeks of preliminary inquiry, are charged with 34 offences, some of which are punishable with life imprisonment.

The Court is to assess, today whether two of the charges, which the Defense argue are on longer part of the Criminal Code, are to be retained in the charge-sheet. The Defense had argued that they should be struck off.

The Court is composed of the President, Dr. Hayim and Judge M. Eisenberg. The Government is represented by the Attorney General, Mr. H. Cohn, and the State Attorneys, Meir A. Levy, L. Wiener, and Dr. J. Frank will represent the accused.

Father, Daughter Freed On Forgery Charges

Mr. Yosef Weinberg, one-time Mukhtar of the old Bet Israel quarter, and Mrs. Rivka Goldman, his daughter, were acquitted in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday of the charges of instigating and committing forgery.

After hearing prosecution and defense handwriting experts, presiding Judge A. Witkin declared that he was not convinced that the writing on the three \$1,000 cheques in question was Mrs. Goldman's. The prosecution had, for purposes of comparison, relied mainly on a document which Mrs. Goldman had written at the police station.

The Court felt, however, that under such circumstances people tend to be nervous and the reliability of such evidence is questionable.

The principal witness against Mr. Weinberg, accused of having induced his daughter to forge the signatures of the Bet Shemesh Greek Orthodox Monastery that was heavily damaged during the War of Liberation, Dr. Heilbrunner said that the reconstruction must be paid for by complete and had been made at great cost.

Most of the children are chronic sufferers of the after-effects of infantile paralysis. Others are youngsters who have been subjected to amputations. The group responsible for a patient — Ministry of Social Welfare — Municipality or Malbim — pays \$1,000 for each child, while the actual cost is \$2,400. The difference is made up by donations to the Society, which has branches in the main cities.

The decision, which is to come into force within a few days, was taken on the recommendation of two of the managers in the newly-formed company, Meir A. Levy, S. Altvitz and S. Durko, who have recently returned from a study tour of ports in the U.S. and Europe.

Yesterday, 4,645 tons of cargo were unloaded in the port, as required for this year.

LABOUR AGREEMENT
HAIFA, Tuesday.—The Seamen's Union and the Shalom company have opened negotiations for a new labour agreement. It is learned.

The union is asking for a 40 per cent wage increase, shorter working hours, especially in the catering department.

Release of Rumanian Zionists Asked

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Signed by 35,000 Rumanian immigrants, a petition demanding the release of Rumanian Zionists imprisoned for their activity when that movement was legal, has been handed to the Rumanian Legation here. Copies were also sent to the Russian Legation and to the Romanian Foreign Office.

The Rumanian immigrants Association, which organized the signatures, decided to collect signatures from all Rumanians as well as from Jews abroad.

RAMAT HADAR COUNCIL
NATHANYA, Tuesday.—The Minister of the Interior has appointed Mr. Yaakov Hegelberger to act as chairman of the newly-established Ramat Hadar Local Council, with Mr. N. Grunbaum, vice-chairman, and a committee of three.

Ramat Hadar, which was founded in 1933 and has 300 residents, will elect their first Council in 18 months.

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THE TWICE-POSTPONED

Meeting of the Atlantic

Council is due to begin in

Lisbon today, and the politi-

cal seismic

IN LISBON graph of 1952

TODAY has already

registered re-

verbera-

tions throughout the world.

For weeks there has been

political activity in New

York and London, Paris and

Bonn in preparation for this

meeting, which is the con-

tinuation of a similar con-

ference held in Rome three

months ago.

There are numerous intricate

issues on the agenda of the

Lisbon meeting, but they all

might be reduced to a common

denominator: firstly, how to

bring the number of active allied

divisions in Western Europe

(there are about twenty now,

an increase of 14 over

last year) to the minimum

strength of 40; and secondly,

how to increase defence ex-

penditure in 1952/3 without

causing a major economic crisis.

It is an undisputed fact that

there is one and only one country

in the world (and this goes

both for the West and the East)

able to carry out a major armament programme while

continuing, and even extending,

production for civilian

purposes, and this is the United

States. Everywhere else,

both in Western and Eastern Europe, rearmament palpably

affects economic stability and

the standard of life. The main

difference is that in the West

the people are freely informed

about strained economies, limi-

ted resources and perilous

balances of payment and trade;

while in the East people are

not told. On a short range view

this reticence is perhaps wise,

if the peace of mind of the

average citizen is the cause of

“citizen-la-bliss” solicitude.

But the West is more

realistic, therefore more callous

of the feelings of its adult popu-

lation.

However this may be, with

Greek and Turkish representatives present for the first

time, the Atlantic Council will

also consider organizational

changes in NATO. There have

been proposals that an eco-

nomic Director General should

be given powers of discretion

similar to those of General El-

senhower, but it is more than

doubtful whether this suggestion will prove acceptable, since

it would create several new

problems while solving but one.

On the other hand, it may be

expected that a permanent bo-

dy of special ambassadors from

the respective countries will be

set up, who will be able to deal

with the many issues arising

between one session of the

Council and the next and tackle

emergency problems as they

arise.

Negotiations for the estab-

lishment of a Middle East Com-

mand, or some alternative pro-

posal, will most probably not

be discussed in Lisbon, but the

matter will probably be given

top priority immediately after-

wards. Until then, this part of

the world will watch with

growing interest the proceed-

ings of the Lisbon meeting.

THE Canadian command has

banned short trousers as

part of the army's summer

uniform because of danger

from sunburn.

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A SILENT LONDON PAID HOMAGE TO A BELOVED MONARCH Solemn Pageantry at King's Funeral

By CYRIL DURN

LONDON, Feb. 15 (O.P.N.S.)

THE people of London got up in the early dark this morning and went by moonlight to the centre of the city, to watch the mortal remains of George VI being carried in state from his capital. In dark streets of thousands, swollen by great companies of the late King's subjects who had come in from all over the British Isles and from overseas, they flowed up to the flanks of the processional route. They stood there for hours, two dense walls of humanity from Parliament Square through the precincts of St. James's, through the dawn mists in Hyde Park, through the workaday streets of North London to the gates of Paddington Station.

I watched the city gather and arrange itself for this climax to a long homage to the dead King from the steps of the Guards Memorial on the edge of Horse Guards Parade. The funeral procession was so vast that as it began to form up at 8 o'clock, the head of it was already established well past the Guards Memorial round down. The Mall on the route towards Paddington, Columns of sailors, soldiers and airmen marched and counter-marched along the route across the Parade, marshalled by Guards Officers carrying gold-tipped staves and mounted on beautiful, restless horses.

Uncanny Quiescence

Ten minutes before a bearer party of the Brigade of Guards was due to take the Royal Coffin out of Westminster Hall, where the King had been lying in state, Horse Guards Parade, now thronged, became notably quieter, and for no obvious reason.

Guards officers moved to their stations along the columns and held up their gold-tipped staves. From both directions came a dimmed hue of long-drawn orders. The clock in the cupola made its simple ding-dong twice. And over all that vast course there was an absolute silence. A single slam of gunfire sounded in the distance, the first of 56 minute guns to be fired as the dead Sovereign moved through the city, one for each year of his age.

A roll from the black-draped drums of the Irish Guards, a scrape of Army boots as the Foot Guards began the formal march past, and the great solemn ceremony had begun. A Naval officer shouted "Rest... on your arms, reverend" and the men of the Implacable inverted their rifles and dropped their heads forward in that indescribably moving obeisance laid down in the Drill Manual.

Although the procession moved past in slow time, it would be wrong to say that

MUSICAL DIARY

ISRAEL'S 1949/50 musical season was brilliant. The one that followed was an anti-climax, and there are signs that this year the season will again be dull. There are very few concerts — the I.P.O. is coming to Jerusalem this week for the first time in almost two months. Most of the famous guest-artists are entertainers, and a music critic could well hibernate and miss very little of value.

This year Larry Adler was without Paul Draper, but his recent harmonica recital at the Edison was most enjoyable; particularly in the "Spanish" section of the programme.

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FRANGO



The funeral cortège of King George VI. The coffin rests on a gun carriage drawn by the King's Troop of the Royal Horse Artillery. At right, Grenadier Guardsmen from the bearer party at Paddington Station. On the left can be seen the Imperial Cavalry. Express Photo.

flowers came floating smoothly through the packed Parade. The silence became profound. One could hear seabirds crying over the Thames.

The heart and climax of the procession was heralded, as it always is, by the leading division of the Sovereign. Enclosed aloft and gleaming like the Household Cavalry. The horses tossed their heads, seeming to resent the slowness of their advance. The column now moved into absolute grandeur. First came the band of the Scots Guards, playing the incomparable sadness of Chopin's Funeral March; and after them the massed pipers, the Scots in their tartans, and Irish in their dramatic green cloaks. The Earl Marshal of England walked alone and behind him a Duke and two Earls, leaders of those ancient forces whose duty it is to guard the body of the Sovereign—the Yeomen of the Guard, the Gentlemen at Arms and the Royal Company of Archers from Scotland. And among the high officers of state, some in magnificent uniform, others in normal civilian dress with rolled umbrellas, walked the late King's valet and his assistant.

Moving Climax

Then came the climax so irresistibly moving that nothing could distract one's mind from the emotion of the moment. There was a solid phalanx of men, sailors from H.M.S. Excellent, holding tightly up under their arms the white cords that drew the gun-carriage on which the Royal Coffin rested. The slow rhythm of their feet made a curiously muffled, soothed sound. Above their heads, above the heads of the royal Equerries and the brilliantly uniformed bodyguards, the Coffin with its Standard, the Imperial Crown and that single wreath of white lilies.

Streicherovsky Programme

The most moving item last evening was that of the solo violin of the late King, ruler and warrior who now followed behind the gun-carriage. But the impression they made was too general. One was vividly aware of the odd associations of the column of officers and governors, and moved by the thought that the death of George VI could bring powers so diverse and opposite as, for example, ex-King Peter, Prince Paul and President Ribar of Yugoslavia, into the same close company, or could draw powerful Egyptians into sympathy with the British. But in fact one did not study faces, nor even consider all the thoughts in so many foreign word-forms that must have been passing behind the level sadness of those faces. The young Prince Albert of the Belgians, upon whom this kingly duty had been thrust by a brother who was unwilling to come, caught the eye, and so did the square-shouldered Russian soldiers, plain Mr. Lall, who was here from the Secretariat of the United Nations. And our old friend King Haakon of Norway fixed his eyes on the Queen and King of the Netherlands. But for the rest, the column moved by, leaving the heads of the various countries and their governments and the like, the heads of the various members of the Commonwealth.

The piano made a less favorable impression with Bach's "Prelude and Fugue" in E for violin solo, while his brother, I. Cohen, was less capturing. The piano was a real masterpiece, though, and the young player, David Gorenberg, did